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PROCEEDINGS.

THE AMERICAN CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY commenced its twentieth annual session in Christian Chapel, corner of Eighth and Walnut streets, Cincinnati, at 2 P. M., Tuesday, October 20, 1868.

R. M. Bishop, the President, took the chair, and opened the meeting by reading the 12th chapter of Romans, which was followed by singing the 1273d hymn, and prayer by Brother J. J. Errett.

On motion of Brother Horner, the President appointed the following committees:

On Order of Business—J. B. Bowman, W. T. Horner, J. S. Sweeney, P. B. Roberts, and W. T. Moore.

And on Nomination of Officers for the coming Year—W. K. Pendleton, of West Virginia; Isaac Errett, of Ohio; Vincent Shinkle, of Kentucky; David Walk, of Pennsylvania; and R. R. Sloan, of Ohio.

The names of members and delegates were then enrolled as follows:

DELEGATES.

WEST VIRGINIA.—W. K. Pendleton, Mrs. W. K. Pendleton, Albert Allen, West Virginia; A. E. Myers, West Liberty; Mrs. A. Campbell, Bethany.

KENTUCKY.—R. Milligan, John B. Bowman, W. H. Pittman, Mollie Pool, Lexington; T. P. Haley, W. H. Hopson, R. Lin Cave, Louisville; C. K. Marshall, Mrs. Carter, Miss Laten, Paris; D. P. Watson, Colemansville; Thos. Austin, Paris; B. W. Couchman, Lizzie J. Couchman, Miss Anna Calmes, Winchester; T. P. Munnell, Mt. Sterling; G. W. Elley, Lexington; V. Shinkle, P. B. Wiles, W. B. Mooklar, L. B. Wells, J. M. Fisher, J. Y. Price, C. H. Fisk, J. C. Thomas, J. M. Riffe, Covington; W. H. Lape, Martha Lape, Newport; G. Fisher, J. H. Foster, Covington; Dr. Shackleford, Maysville; S. E. Jones, Winchester; L. B. Wilkes, Lexington; J. L. Y. Holland, Owensville; W. C. Holton, Maysville; J. Gratt Han-

ley, John T. Hinton, Mrs. G. G. White, Mrs. G. W. Williams, Mrs. Ogden, Miss Laura Hukel, Miss A. K. White, Paris.

NEW YORK.—W. A. Belding, Troy; W. T. Horner, Buffalo.

ILLINOIS.—A. S. Hayden, Dudley Donus, Eureka; J. S. Sweeney, Chicago; B. D. Dawson, Jacksonville; A. P. Aten, Abingdon; B. B. Tyler, Mrs. B. B. Tyler, Leroy Wiley, Leona Wiley, Charleston; Jas. B. Hart, Tuscola; S. J. Dailey, Perry; W. C. Winter, Pittsfield.

IOWA.—James Challen, Davenport; Mrs. Julia Powell, Mrs. Sapp.

OHIO.—F. M. Kibbey, Mrs. E. O. Kibbey, Fulton; Mrs. A. Cooney, Beverly; J. C. Irving, Bowersville; J. B. Easter, Dallas; R. R. Sloan, R. J. Pinkerton, East Cleveland; John Shockey, Mrs. Shockey, Sicily; J. W. Martin, Mrs. Martin, Beafort; J. T. Hillman, Mrs. Hillman, Harrison; R. Davis, Bellbrook; Jas. Davis, William Davis, Sister Herman, Mrs. Nettie Crosby, Dayton; Mrs. E. Howell, Fort Ancient; Elvira Hartpence, Harrison; W. F. Barr, Center Village; Miss Sallie Foland, Miss Mattie Applegate, Miss Jos. Adams, Wilmington; Miss Rebecca Stickle, Miss E. C. Bickham, Dayton; Martha McBride, Margaret Bender, J. S. Hughes, Emma E. Hughes, Hamilton; Christiana McGreor, Lila Ensie, Dayton; H. F. Buff, Sarah Buff, Ripley; H. D. Carlton, J. S. Shupe, James G. Archer, Webster Archer, Bellair; Mrs. Jane Galbrett, Nebel; T. D. Garvine, Wilmington; J. H. Lockwood, Bethel; T. B. Knowls, Solow; L. F. Bettle, Mrs. M. J. Bettle, Mrs. M. Church, Painsville; A. D. Fillmore, Fulton; M. J. Pulliam, Mollie E. Pulliam, Princeton; L. L. Carpenter, Wausaon; Mrs. H. Algire, West Unity; Constant Lake, Wooster; George Catt, Carthage; C. C. Foote and wife, Cleveland; Wm. Carman, New Salem; S. B. Howell, Fort Ancient; Miss C. N. Wilket, Mt. Vernon; E. McKinley, Ripley; C. W. Crew, Benj. Munday, Dayton; G. S. Goohart, Lebanon; Joseph Thomas, Centerville; W. H. Taylor, Jellsway; N. H. Moore, Wilmington.

INDIANA.—John Campbell, J. M. Tilford, W. R. Lowe, L. Tucker, W. R. Jewell, O. A. Burgess, J. Lagrange, John B. New, E. Goodwin, Wm. Grigsby, J. H. McCullaugh, N. A. Walker, J. P. Pinker-

ton, Austin Council, T. J. Byers, R. C. Flower, R. T. Brown, Mrs. R. T. Brown, Indianapolis; Robert Henry, Mrs. Robert Henry, Brookville; H. Pond, Matamora; Mrs. A. D. Puett, Greencastle; J. O. Hopkins, Lodoga; John Fisher, Rising Sun; W. S. Campbell, Rushville; James Hadsell, Kendallsville; H. St. John Vandake, Lebanon; S. R. Wilson, Connersville; J. G. Tomlinson, B. K. Smith, Indianapolis; A. G. Morley, Lafayette; John Brazelton, Mrs. John Brazelton, Queensville; Mrs. E. McKee, Mrs. Mary Anderson, Mrs. E. D. Anderson, Indianapolis.

MARYLAND.—Mrs. H. S. Platt, George Mauling, Baltimore.

TENNESSEE.—Henry Hood, Nashville.

PENNSYLVANIA.—David Walk and wife, Philadelphia; James Springer; O. A. Bartholomew, Pittsburg; T. A. Crenshaw, West Middletown.

MICHIGAN.—Alex. Linn, Detroit; O. Ebert, Muir; W. R. Spindler, Ionia.

MISSOURI.—J. J. Errett, Paynesville; W. J. Pettigrew, St. Louis.

JAMAICA, L. D.—J. O. Beardsley.

Short voluntary addresses being called for, the meeting was addressed by brethren J. O. Beardslee, Robert Milligan, John Shackelford, and W. K. Pendleton.

The Committee on the Order of Business made a partial report, which was adopted.

Brother Robert Milligan offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That we regard the circulation of the Scriptures as an essential part of the missionary work; and that we, therefore, earnestly recommend our Missionaries to encourage, in every way that they can, the free circulation of any and all such Protestant versions as the people may be able to read in their own vernacular.

On motion, the resolution was laid on the table for the present, to be taken up hereafter for discussion.

Adjourned, with prayer by Brother James Challen.

Evening session convened at 6.30 P. M., Brother T. P. Haley presiding. Appropriate prayers and exhortations were offered by brethren Milligan, Sloan, Burgess, Challen, Belding and Tyler.

The hour for preaching having arrived, Brother J. O. Beardsley addressed a large and attentive congregation on general missionary work, and was followed by Brother Garvin in a few feeling and pointed remarks. The meeting then adjourned to meet to-morrow at 8 o'clock. Prayer by Brother Challen.

WEDNESDAY FORENOON.

Social meeting assembled, by appointment, at 8 o'clock. Brother O. A. Burgess presiding. Brother Campbell led in prayer, and brethren Van Dake and Lowe offered some encouraging remarks.

The hour for business having arrived, the minutes were read, found correct, and, on motion, adopted.

On motion of Dr. Hopson, Brother Milligan's resolution was taken from the table. The resolution was discussed by brethren Challen, Hopson, Smith, Beardsley, Belding and Moore.

Brother Brown moved to insert, "and study," after the word circulation, in the resolution.

The amendment was discussed by brethren Brown, Hopson, Van Dake, L. L. Pinkerton and Easter, and, the vote being taken, the amendment was lost; and the original resolution being further discussed by Brother O. A. Burgess and others, it was moved to lay the resolution on the table. The motion was lost.

Brother J. S. Sweeney offered the following amendment to the resolution, striking out the words "we regard," and inserting "regarding as we do, and ever have done." The amendment was discussed by brethren Hopson, Dr. Shackleford, and L. L. Pinkerton.

A motion to lay the amendment on the table was lost; and the amendment, being further discussed by brethren Hobbs and Elley, was carried; and the original resolution as amended, after further remarks from Brother Jewell, was, on motion of Brother Isaac Errett, referred to a committee of five. The Chair appointed the following as that committee: Isaac Errett, Robert Milligan, M. H. Slosson, Dr. Hopson, and A. S. Hobbs.

The reports of committees being called for, Brother Munnell made the following report from the committee appointed last year to consider the subject of amendments to the Constitution:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. Read from printed copy.

Art. 2. It shall be composed of messengers from churches of

Christ, and members of such in good standing, and of messengers from associations of churches contributing to its funds.

Art. 3. Read Article 2, of printed copy.

Art. 4. Read Article 5, as printed, except three for twenty Vice-Presidents.

Art. 5. The Society shall annually elect twenty-five managers, who, together with its officers, shall constitute an Executive Board for the transaction of business, and shall continue in office until successors are elected. Five members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum.

Articles 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, read from printed copy, except strike out from Article 7 the clause, two of the Vice-Presidents.

Art. 13. No alteration in this Constitution shall be made, except at an annual meeting, and by a two-thirds vote.

Art. 14. No alteration in this Constitution shall be so construed as to affect in any way any vested rights of the Society or its members.

Resolved, That in view of the abandonment of life-memberships and life-directorships, which have been the main and permanent sources of income to the Society, we recommend to the Board that they devise and carry out a plan of annual and life subscriptions, whereby a constant income may be secured, and a reliable basis laid for permanent operations in the cause of missions.

THOMAS MUNNELL,
W. K. PENDLETON,
ISAAC ERRETT,
GEO. W. ELLEY,
A. R. BENTON.

Brother Hopson moved the adoption of the report, which motion was afterward withdrawn; and, on motion of W. K. Pendleton, the amendments recommended in the report were taken up, *serialim*, to ascertain the sense of the Society upon each, with the purpose of expressing to the Executive Board the approval or disapproval of the same. The first amendment proposed, which is designated Article 2, was then read and discussed by L. L. Pinkerton and L. B. Wilkes.

Brother Wilkes moved to strike out all after the words "churches of Christ," which was discussed by several brethren until the hour

arrived for the appointed discourse. When, after singing a hymn, and prayer by Brother John Shackleford, Brother Van Buskirk, delivered a sermon founded on the 22d verse of the 11th chapter of Romans. At the conclusion of the discourse the 928th hymn was sung, and, on motion, adjourned to 1½ P. M.

AFTERNOON.

The Society was called to order at 1½ o'clock, and the exercises opened with religious services. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The report of the Board was read by the Corresponding Secretary, as follows:

DEAR BRETHREN: Another missionary year has closed. God our Father has preserved us, and to Him we owe everlasting praises. However feeble and imperfect our work, his mercies have not failed us.

During the year, we have supported missions in Jamaica, Nebraska, East Virginia, and Troy, New York, besides extending some help to Brother O. A. Bartholomew, in his mission work in Philadelphia, and Brother G. B. Stone, in Tennessee, and a small donation to Brother K. Shaw, in his evangelical work.

JAMAICA.

Owing to our financial embarrassments and the uncertainty of our future missionary plans, Brother Beardslee, the Superintendent of the Mission, has returned to this country. The Mission is still kept up, and is in charge of the native preachers. The Board can not let this opportunity pass without an expression of their confidence in the ability, zeal and faithfulness, of Brother Beardslee, and their faith in the excellence and value of his devoted work in the Island of Jamaica.

The following extract from Brother Beardslee's last report will give some idea of the work done in Jamaica:

By the statistical report that accompanies this, you will see the progress that has been made from month to month since my return to the Island. I give a summary here, embracing the time that has elapsed since February, 1866, up to the 30th April, 1868:

No. of churches.....	Feb. 28, 1866...	14	April 30, 1868...	20
" " members.....	" " " ...428	" " " ...854
" " day schools.	" " " ... 1	" " " ... 5
" " scholars.....	" " " ... 29	" " " ...148
" " Sund'y sch'ls	" " " ... 5	" " " ... 14
" " scholars.....	" " " ...158	" " " ...631
" " teachers.....	" " " ... 13	" " " ... 52

Our net increase is 426, after deducting losses by death and the excess of exclusions over those that have been restored.

One hundred and forty-eight pounds sterling have been paid by the people toward the support of their pastors, and twenty-eight pounds eleven shillings and sixpence as school fees. Five native chapels have been built, or so far advanced as to admit of services being held in them, while considerable amounts have been contributed to the fellowship fund, and for current expenses not reported.

The influence of our teaching has been largely manifest outside of our own church organization. In a number of churches hitherto Pedobaptist, immersion is now adopted, and infant rantism is rarely seen. The Methodist brother whom I immersed in November last, is now a most zealous reformer—has already immersed over forty, and will ultimately bring not only those in Kingston under his care "to the obedience of the faith," but some three other churches in the country, of which he has the oversight. He has also charge of a large Baptist church, nine miles from Kingston, and is co-operating heartily with our native preacher. He desires no foreign aid for his own support, but would be glad of assistance toward the completion of his large chapel in Kingston. A copy of his letter to me, herewith inclosed, will best explain his position.

NEBRASKA.

Brother Barrow has been laboring in Nebraska, as in former years, with the same devotion and the same success. He reports:

During the *year* ending with September, the Lord has added to the church, under my labors, *one hundred and forty-six* souls.

I have traveled on horseback twenty-two hundred miles, spoken two hundred and thirty-six discourses, and organized three congregations. I had hoped to be able to report a larger number of accessions, but I have done all I could, and can not accuse myself of negligence or idleness in my Master's vineyard.

Upon the whole, we have reason to "thank God and take courage." When Brother Dungan and myself began our labors here, between three and four years ago, there were not over four hundred Disciples in the Territory. Now we have twenty-two congregations and over two thousand members, with public sentiment decidedly in our favor.

May the Lord aid us all to work for the salvation of a world that lieth in wickedness. Your brother in Christ,

R. C. BARROW.

Brother D. R. Dungan reports:

Since I came home, in June, I have been able to do thirty-seven days missionary labor; in which I preached thirty-eight times, had twenty additions, and of the people received seventy dollars.

THE FREEDMEN.

Brother G. W. Abell has been laboring zealously and successfully among the freedmen of East Virginia. He reports:

I can say with a good conscience I have done the best I could, laboring among all classes, white and colored, and paying particular attention to the colored, as their necessities demanded, and as the Board expected at my hands; encouraging Sunday schools, distributing books among them as far as I could, and doing other good works for their benefit, to the extent of my ability and means. I have organized a number of new churches, set in order a number of old ones that had well nigh gone to ruins, and, in all other respects, endeavored, by the help of the Lord, to do the work of an evangelist faithfully, to both white and colored.

The number added and brought into Scriptural order, according to my memoranda, is two hundred and sixty. The time consumed in canvassing for missionary work, will in some degree account for meagerness in numbers added. In addition to these numbers, in connection with my own immediate work, I have interesting and encouraging reports from others. One colored brother, Harkal, of Tennessee, reports upward of one hundred and eighty as the result of his yearly labors. How gladly would I, were it in my power to assist these colored brethren, who are nobly striving for the amelioration of their race, through much poverty and many difficulties. I commend this subject to your own careful consideration, the attention of the Board, and of the brethren in general Society assembled.

May God in much mercy guide you, the Board, and the brethren in general convention assembled, is my sincere prayer. All of which is respectfully submitted by your brother in Christ,

G. W. ABELL.

TROY, NEW YORK.

Brother W. A. Belding has been, during the past year, as the year before, laboring in Troy. He reports:

My year's labor has been hard and fatiguing, with but little to

report by way of additions, but cheering and glorious to those who can watch the progress of things. We have had but twelve added to our number during the year. I was strongly in hopes to be able to report our house completed, and provision made to pay the entire indebtedness before the anniversary, but am not able to do either. The house is one of the most pleasant and comfortable ones within my knowledge. Will be finished in about one month. It is worth $16,000, and about $3,000 unprovided for. Prospects for good constantly increasing, having, since we moved, all we could reasonably expect, if not all we could desire. The cause will soon be self-sustaining, and is destined to triumph in Troy.

Besides these regular missions, we are assured that the help we have extended to brethren Shaw, Bartholomew and Stone, has been greatly blessed in the upbuilding of the Church and the salvation of many souls.

We have a long letter from Brother G. B. Stone, which gives us the history of a year of faithful toil, accompanied with many sacrifices and trials.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Our cash receipts during the year were $7,907 00. To this may be added the sums raised by our missionaries off their fields of labor, which, with the one hundred and seventy-six pounds reported by Brother Beardslee, from Jamaica, would increase the amount more that two thousand dollars, making an aggregate sum of $10,000.

The small amount is owing in part to the fact that the Corresponding Secretary, upon whom rests the burden of raising money, was sick during the greater part of the year with an affection of the throat and lungs, whereby he was unable to travel and preach. It is due to the Corresponding Secretary to say that, feeling his own want of health for the vigorous prosecution of the work, he tendered, early in the year, his resignation, which the Board declined to accept, on account of the difficulty of finding a suitable person to fill the place.

The experience of this year only confirms the testimony of past years—the necessity of systematic contributions on the part of all the brethren and all the churches.

The Board are deeply anxious for the complete success of this missionary enterprise, and are willing to carry out any honorable plan of work which promises better results than those already reached.

A great and determined movement is now demanded. We must go forward. The reasons are manifest:

First. It is a necessity for our own life. The thousands of wealth which we have accumulated by the blessing of God, must be consecrated to the spread of the Gospel and the salvation of men, or we must perish ourselves. A people who will not do God's work, can not long, even decently, claim to be God's people. God has use for a people as they carry on his work; not otherwise, except as vessels of wrath. Stagnation in this great work of Christ, is ruin.

Second. The condition of our fellow-men appeals to us, as Christians, for help.

The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation. Shall we use it to illumine the darkness of heathendom, to break the shackles of superstition, and bring into the glorious light and liberty of Christian manhood and womanhood the fallen and degraded sons and daughters of men? Yes or no? If you answer yes, as you must, then shall we work together rationally and systematically and earnestly for our purpose. Certainly. To give any other response would be childish. *The poor and ignorant must have the Gospel preached to them.*

Third. The examples of others should move us. The glorious triumphs of our Baptist brethren in this century should stimulate us to a Christian emulation of their Missionary enterprise. They are Baptists in a denominational sense; but they have proved themselves Christians by their enlightened zeal for the salvation of the race. Judson and Carey are immortal names. Time and space we have not to tell the story of their sacrifices and triumphs. The great day of judgment will reveal to us all they did, *and all we might have done.*

Besides the souls saved by missionary enterprise, "it must be reckoned as among the services rendered to mankind by Christian missionaries, in modern times, that they have not only translated the Bible and other religious books into many languages, but have reduced many barbarous tongues to writing, and have prepared grammars and dictionaries, thereby contributing not a little, independently of their highest aim, to the promotion of knowledge, civilization, and the welfare of the human race."

There are few grander chapters of human history than the his-

tory of Protestant Missions in the nineteenth century. Before the century closes, shall we be numbered as among the most numerous and most devoted and most intelligent toilers in Mission fields? Such a hope God will certainly not be displeased with.

Fourth. Christ desires us to carry on this work. He died for all men. It is his will that the Gospel shall be preached to every creature. The means and sacrifices consecrated in the true spirit to this work, he will bless and reward. For the dear Saviour's sake, then, let us be wise and faithful in the Missionary work.

During the year, Elder John Smith, one of the Vice-Presidents of our Society, and a devoted friend of missions, has fallen asleep in Christ. His name is historical. He was one of the earliest and most faithful advocates of a return to the simple Gospel of Christ. He died in a good old age, universally honored and deeply lamented.

Finally, brethren, let us determine not to abandon the effort to unite the disciples in a great Missionary movement. Let us labor on until we enter into the saint's everlasting rest.

JOHN SHACKLEFORD,
Corresponding Secretary.

On motion of Brother Moore, so much of the report as relates to Home Missions was referred to a committee of three. The Chair appointed O. A. Burgess, C. H. Gould, and L. B. Wilkes.

On motion of Brother Moore, so much of the report as relates to Foreign Missions was referred to a committee of three. The Chair appointed Thomas Munnell, T. D. Garvin, and W. T. Moore.

On motion of Brother J. S. Sweeney, so much of the report as regards the death of Elder John Smith, was referred to a committee of three, composed of J. S. Sweeney, James Challen, and George W. Elley.

On motion of Brother Moore, the subject under discussion at the morning adjournment—the motion of L. B. Wilkes, to amend the report of the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution—was taken up. Remarks were made by brethren Horner and Sloan. Brother Van Dake moved to amend the amendment by adding the words "and of those members of the churches who shall hand in their names as a pledge of cordial co-operation in the work of preaching the Gospel." The amendment to the amendment was lost.

The question on the adoption of the amendment was argued by brethren Errett, Dr. Shackleford, A. J. Hobbs, W. T. Moore, T. D. Garvin, and W. I. Pettigrew.

Brother Pettigrew offered as a substitute for the amendment proposed by Brother Wilkes, the following: "All members of Christian churches, in good standing, shall be entitled to membership."

The substitute was discussed by Brother Wilkes; and, on motion of Brother Moore, the subject was referred back to the committee, and brothers Pettigrew and Wilkes were added to the committee; and the further consideration of the report was laid over till to-morrow morning, to be the first order at the opening of the session.

Brother Burgess presented the following report from the Trustees of the Hymn Book:

To the American Christian Missionary Society:

DEAR BRETHREN: The Trustees of the Christian Hymn Book offer the following report:

At your last meeting we presented the small *pearl* edition of the Hymn Book, and stated our intention to stereotype a large-sized book for the use of pulpits, and persons of failing and imperfect sight. This has been done. We now have three sets of stereotype plates, and the Hymn Book is furnished in sufficient variety of sizes, styles and prices, to meet, we think, the wants and tastes of all our brethren.

We had the pleasure of referring, in our last report, to the constant and large demand for the book, and we have the renewed gratification of announcing that the sales of the closing, are several thousands in excess of the previous year;—a demand beyond our expectations, and a pleasing evidence of the excellence of our Hymn Book. The cost of the stereotype plates, necessary repairs and insurance, have been entirely paid by the money received for copy-right, with a small balance left on hand. The large number printed of the medium-size book have worn the plates so much that it will probably be necessary to re-stereotype that size this year.

The time of J. B. Bowman, as Trustee, having expired this year, he was appointed for another term by the Board.

R. M. BISHOP,
C. H. GOULD,
O. A. BURGESS,
W. H. LAPE.

After remarks by brethren L. L. Pinkerton, Burgess, Sloan, Bishop and Hopson, the report was approved.

Brother Bowman, from Committee on Order of Business, made an additional report, which was adopted.

On motion of Brother Moore, the following committee was appointed to consider and report the propriety of holding a semi-annual meeting, and the place where, if at all, the same shall be held, viz.: T. P. Haley, G. W. Morling and A. D. Fillmore.

Adjourned to 6½ o'clock. Benediction by Brother Foote.

EVENING.

Social meeting convened at 6½ o'clock. Brother James Challen presiding. The attendance was unusually large. After singing, reading a psalm and prayers, short exhortations were offered by brethren Hobbs, Burgess and Challen. At 7½ o'clock, the hour for preaching, after singing the 1150th hymn, and prayer by Brother Hayden, Dr. Hopson addressed a crowded audience from the 13th and 14th verses of the last chapter of Ecclesiastes; at the conclusion of the discourse, Brother John Shackleford made an earnest appeal in behalf of the missionary cause. While a contribution for that purpose was being taken up, brethren Challen and Dr. Pinkerton spoke to the meeting in favor of sustaining the Society.

The President then announced future appointments; when the meeting adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock to-morrow. Dismissed by Brother Myers.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Social meeting met at 8 o'clock. Led by Brother Hayden reading from the second chapter of Revelations. Time spent in singing, prayer and exhortation.

At 9 o'clock, the President announced that the hour for business had arrived. The Secretary then read the minutes of the last session, which were found correct and approved.

The report of the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution being called for, the committee reported the following as Article 2:

Article 2. The Society shall consist of members and messengers of Churches of Christ.

Brother Hopson offered, as a substitute, the following:

Article 2. The members of this Society shall consist of delegates annually chosen by the Churches of Christ contributing to its funds. It was moved to adopt this as a substitute, and the motion discussed by Brother Hopson.

Brother Sloan offered, as an amendment to the substitute, the additional words, "And members of churches who shall become contributors to the funds of the Society." After remarks by Brother Sloan, it was moved to lay his amendment on the table. The motion to lay on the table was lost by a vote of 31 yeas to 44 nays.

Brother Burgess offered as an amendment to the amendment, the 3d and 4th Articles of the present Constitution, and called for the previous question, which call was not sustained. The motion of Brother Burgess was discussed by brethren Burgess and Anderson.

Brother Burgess moved to lay on the table the amendment to the substitute and the substitute. The motion was lost by a vote of 37 yeas to 48 nays.

The amendment to the substitute was then adopted. The substitute as amended was then adopted; and, on motion, approved as an article of the Constitution, to be recommended by the Board.

The Article 3d, as reported by the committee, was also approved.

Articles 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th, as proposed by the committee were approved.

The following resolution, offered by the committee, was adopted:

Resolved, That, in view of the abandonment of life-memberships and life-directorships, which have been the main and permanent sources of income to the Society, we recommend to the Board that they devise and carry out a plan of annual and life-subscriptions, whereby a constant income may be secured and a reliable basis laid for permanent operations in the cause of missions.

On motion, the report of the committee as approved, was referred to the Board for their action.

On motion of Brother Moore, it was

Resolved, That a committee of seven, consisting of the members of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, be appointed to write an address to the brethren, informing them of the changes made in the Constitution, and earnestly asking their co-operation in the great work of missions.*

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* Note.—The committee referred to are W. K. Pendleton, Isaac Errett, Thos. Munnell, A. R. Benton, George W. Elley, L. B. Wilkes, and W. J. Pettigrew.

On motion of Brother Hobbs it was resolved, that this Convention do unanimously express by a rising vote their unreserved approval of the changes made in the Constitution, and their determination to work henceforth, for and in the Society, to the accomplishment of its great purposes.

On motion of Brother Pettigrew the rules of order were suspended, by which the address appointed for eleven o'clock was dispensed with.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Reports being called for, Brother Belding read the following from the New York Society:

The Board of the New York Christian Missionary Society to the American Christian Missionary Society in convention at Cincinnati, Ohio:

DEAR BRETHREN:—We address you this letter and send it by our Corresponding Secretary, Brother Belding, to assure you of our appreciation of your assistance in the missionary work in this State, and to importune you to continue to assist in carrying on the work at Troy, which has been so well begun. We are unable to give it the support which the cause demands, with the imperative calls in other places within the bounds of our missionary district. The cause is being built up, as we verily believe, permanently in Troy, and will, ere long, be self-sustaining.

We earnestly ask your co-operation in sustaining Brother Belding in that city for another year, with the firm conviction that much good will result from the effort. The house of worship is nearly completed, and prospects brightening in every way. We are, perhaps, as a people, doing but little in comparison with what we ought to do, but the cause of missions is gaining friends in this Eastern country, and if properly fostered will produce results which will cheer the hearts of those who love the cause of Christ. Much depends upon the result in Troy, as it seems to be a central point between the East and West, and we shall hope, ere long, to meet in semi-annual convention the brotherhood from East and West, and North and South, in our pleasant and thriving city.

Your sympathy and co-operation is, therefore, earnestly craved, and for which we will thank God and take courage.

By order of Board. WILLIAM B. NOBLE,

Secretary of Board.

On motion of Brother Burgess, the report was received and filed. A letter of thanks, encouragement and appeal for further aid, from the church at Troy, by permission, was read—and, on motion, was received, filed, and referred to the board of managers.

Brother Burgess read the following letter from the Indiana Society. On motion, it was received and filed:

INDIANAPOLIS, October 16, 1868.

The Indiana Christian Missionary Society to the American Christian Missionary Society, Christian salutation:

BELOVED BRETHREN:—We rejoice that in the good providence of our heavenly Father we are once more permitted to correspond with you by our messengers, and to know that, although unable to accompany our communication with a contribution, yet the brotherhood of our State have not been wholly unmindful of the great work of laboring for the salvation of men during the past year. A large number of faithful evangelists have, by the Christian liberality of the brethren in their various localities, been sustained and kept constantly employed, as the result of whose labors many precious souls have been brought to a saving knowledge of the truth.

We have appointed as our messengers to your coming anniversary, our beloved and faithful brethren,

JAMES HADSELL,	W. R. JEWELL,
HENRY ST. JOHN VAN DAKE,	O. A. BURGESS,
J. LAGRANGE,	JOHN B. NEW,
N. A. WALKER,	J. H. MCCULLOUGH,
WM. GRIGSBY,	ELIJAH GOODWIN,
R. T. BROWN,	MRS. N. T. BROWN,
GEORGE CAMPBELL,	R. C. FLOWER,
AUSTIN COUNCIL,	SISTER MARSTELLER.

With the prayer that the divine blessing may rest upon your deliberations.

By order and in behalf of the Society.

JOHN M. BRAMWELL, *Secretary.*

Brother Sloan made a verbal report from Ohio State Missionary Society, and, on motion, was requested to write out his report to be filed.

Brother Downs made a verbal report from the State of Illinois, which he was requested to write out for filing.

Brother Munnell read a report from the Kentucky State Missionary Society, which, on motion, was received and filed.

Brother Fillmore presented the following communication from the Board of Managers.

At a meeting of the Board of Managers, at Christian Chapel, corner of Eighth and Walnut streets, Cincinnati, October 22, on motion of Brother W. K. Pendleton, it was unanimously resolved that the alterations of the Constitution, as approved and referred to us, be, and are hereby recommended to the Convention for its adoption.

A. D. FILLMORE,
Secretary pro tem.

Brother Anderson moved the adoption of the Constitution as recommended by the Board.

Remarks were made upon the motion by Brother Pettigrew and Brother Fillmore, and the vote having been taken, the amended Constitution was unanimously adopted.*

Adjourned to 1½ o'clock with benediction by Brother A. S. Hayden.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The meeting was opened at 1½ o'clock by reading the first psalm, and prayer by Brother Bortholomew. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Brother Pettigrew presented the following:

Resolved, That a committee of three be raised to report on the place of holding the next annual meeting.

Brethren Pettigrew, Sweeney and Wiles, were appointed as the committee.

Brother Challen, from the Committee on the death of Elder John Smith, reported as follows:

WHEREAS, we have learned by the Report of the Board that our esteemed and beloved brother in Christ, Elder John Smith, of Kentucky, one of the Vice-Presidents of the American Christian Missionary Society, has died during the last year, therefore,

Resolved, That we cherish in our memory the devoted labors and Christian zeal of our venerable brother, and feel that in his death the pioneers of this great movement for the restoration of the Gospel are passing rapidly away.

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*See fourth page of Cover for Constitution as revised.

The report was unanimously adopted by a standing vote.

The Committee on the place of holding the next Annual Meeting, made the following report:

That the place of holding the next Annual Meeting be with the Fourth Street Church of Louisville, Kentucky.

After remarks from brethren L. L. Pinkerton, O. A. Burgess, W. J. Pettigrew, and the President, the report was adopted.

The Committee on so much of the Report of the Board as relates to Foreign Missions, reported as follows:

The Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report as follows:

The only Foreign Mission sustained by the Society during a part of the past year is that of Jamaica. The success of the evangelists there has been very encouraging, and promises greater success still, if the mission be still carried on.

The committee would, therefore, recommend that the Board afford funds for the support of the native preachers as their means may justify, and that as soon as practicable they send an evangelist to supply the place so efficiently occupied by brother Beardslee, whose noble and sacrificing spirit is gratefully recognized by the Society.

We further recommend to the Board, that as soon as our means will justify, they open a correspondence with the brethren in London, in reference to sending an evangelist to that city.

THOMAS MUNNELL,
W. T. MOORE,
T. D. GARVIN.

The report was discussed by W. T. Moore, R. R. Sloan, James Challen, O. A. Burgess, P. B. Wiles, T. D. Garvin and L. L. Pinkerton, and adopted.

The committee, to whom was referred that part of the report of the Board relating to *Home Missions*, having considered the same, beg leave to report—

1st. They believe that great good has been accomplished by the Society in the home field.

2d. They recommended a continuance of laobr in all the fields at present occupied, and that new fields be added as soon as the funds of the Society will justify.

3d. They would call special attention to the wants of the breth-

ren and freedmen in the South, believing that no field has greater claims upon us, or offers better promise of successfully accomplishing great good.

4th. Your committee believe that they lack *faith* as well as *money*; and that, when a favorable opportunity offers, we should go in and "possess the land," in full faith, that when our brethren know that we are actually at work, instead of merely promising to go to work, they will furnish the means to complete the undertaking.

5th. We submit a communication from Brother Wilcox, concerning Washington, D. C.

Respectfully submitted.

O. A. BURGESS,
C. H. GOULD,
L. B. WILKES,
Committee.

Dr. L. L. Pinkerton offered the following:

Resolved, That the Executive Board of this Society be requested to make no more appropriations to missions among the freedmen, till they ascertain definitely the condition of the congregations already gathered among the people.

Remarks upon the resolution were made by brethren Pinkerton, Myers, Shackleford, B. K. Smith; and then, by common consent, the resolution was withdrawn.

Brother T. P. Haley, from the Committee on Semi-annual Meeting, reported as follows:

The committee on the propriety and place of Semi-annual Meeting, beg leave to report: We earnestly recommend the Board to make appointment of a Semi-annual Meeting of this Society, at such time in May next as they may determine, and that the city of Philadelphia be the place.

Brother Pettigrew moved to substitute St. Louis for Philadelphia, which was adopted. The report as amended was adopted.

Brother Sloan, from the Committee on Nomination of Officers, presented their report, which, after some discussion, was referred back and finally reported and adopted as follows:

OFFICERS ELECTED.

PRESIDENT—R. M. Bishop.
VICE-PRESIDENTS—Isaac Errett, W. K. Pendleton, R. Milligan.
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY—Thomas Munnell.
RECORDING SECRETARIES—H. S. Bosworth, Jacob Burnet.
TREASURER—W. S. Dickinson.
AUDITOR—George W. Trowbridge.
MANAGERS—John Shackleford, W. J. Pettigrew, Elijah Goodwin, A. S. Hayden, James Challen, C. L. Loos, P. B. Roberts, J. W. Goss, R. Graham, J. W. McGarvey, O. A. Burgess, A. D. Fillmore, James McGill, C. H. Gould, Dr. E. Williams, M. H. Slosson, B. W. Wasson, M. W. McKee, W. T. Moore, F. M. Kibby, John C. Hall, James Fisher, P. B. Wiles, W. H. Lape, V. Shinkle.

On motion of Brother Moore, it was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to correspond with the Board of the Kentucky Missionary Society, to secure the release of Brother Munnell from his engagement with that Society. The Chair appointed W. T. Moore, P. B. Wiles and B. W. Wasson.

Brother T. P. Haley offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be tendered to the brethren, sisters, and friends of Cincinnati and Covington, for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained us during this anniversary; and that we also tender our thanks to the railroad and steamboat companies that have given us half-fare passage, and to the public press for the reports of our proceedings.

Brother Downs offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The work of the Corresponding Secretary is a most laborious one, and, whereas, we may, as preachers, do much toward paving his way to success; therefore,

Resolved, That we extend to him our warmest sympathies, and hereby pledge ourselves to aid him in every lawful way in pushing forward in our respective communities the great work of raising funds to spread the Gospel in this land and other lands.

The following resolution was offered by brother W. R. Jewell, and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the heartfelt thanks of this Convention be returned to our retiring Corresponding Secretary, Brother John Shackleford, for the devotion, energy, and success with which he has discharged the arduous duties of his office for the last two years.

On motion of Brother Burgess, the report of the Board was adopted as a whole.

Adjourned to 6½ o'clock, with prayer by Brother J. J. Errett.

THURSDAY EVENING.

At 6½ o'clock, the brethren convened for social worship, the meeting being led by Brother P. B. Wiles. At 7½ o'clock, Brother Hobbs delivered a discourse, based on the 16th and 17th verses of the 7th chapter of John.

JACOB BURNET, *Recording Secretary.*

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS SINCE LAST YEAR.

C. H. Gould,	$150 00	F. W. Emmons,	$ 5 00	E. Adamson,	$ 1 00
Henry Pearce,	100 00	W. M. M. Lee,	5 00	G. W. Calkins,	5 00
R. M. Bishop,	100 00	David Higbee,	10 50	E. S. Frazee,	5 00
H. S. Bosworth,	100 00	Mary A. Bradley, L. M.,	5 00	Brother Ayres,	1 00
John Shackleford,	50 00	Sister Johnson,	1 00	Philip Waldorf,	5 00
Charles Leslie,	50 00	N. N. Bartlett,	1 00	Mrs. B. R. Benton,	10 00
L. W. Gunther,	100 00	T. A. Crenshaw,	2 00	Charles E. Benton,	5 00
Mrs. L. W. Gunther,	25 00	Wm. Calloway,	2 00	Harriet M. Benton,	5 00
Master L. Gunther,	5 00	E. Philips,	1 00	John W. Bishop,	15 00
Master B. Gunther,	5 00	John Hill,	1 00	James Leeslie,	5 00
H. H. Black,	25 00	Harman Austin, L. M.,	5 00	R. Milligan, balance on L. M. for Belle Milligan,	10 00
W. T. Bishop,	30 00	A. R. Benton,	5 00	Four sisters of Hartford Church,	1 00
Mrs. S. H. Campbell,	20 00	E. Wakefield,	1 00	Joseph Dunn,	50
J. W. Haymaker,	25 00	Ella H. Harrison,	50	Samuel Hines,	50
W. H. Lape,	60 00	C. C. Taylor, L. M.,	5 00	Eliza Carson,	1 00
Melwood Murray,	25 00	F. G. Davis,	25	J. H. Neville,	10 00
Isaac Errett,	25 00	H. H. White, on L. M. for wife,	5 00	Osman Pixley,	5 00
Dr. J. S. Lane,	20 00	Anonymous,	75	G. W. Elley,	8 00
Charles D. Hurlbutt,	50 00	Nicholas Money,	1 00	Jonathan Martin, L. M.,	5 00
P. B. Roberts,	100 00	James W. Money,	1 00	N. H. Sidwell,	5 00
Colin Campbell,	50 00	Elizabeth Money,	25	James Hadsell,	55
Edward Allen,	25 00	Wm. Cook,	25	Edwin Davis,	1 50
Vincent Shinkle,	25 00	Anna Cunningham,	25	J. McCoarde,	10 00
Dr. E. Williams,	25 00	J. B. Bartholomew,	1 00	M. R. Andrews,	1 00
R. R. Sloan,	25 00	Mrs. C. W. Helm,	5 00	Wm. Joy,	1 00
J. B. Bowman,	25 00	Jerome Waltmire,	2 00	W. G. Hayfield,	1 00
James Magill,	30 00	Wm. Dowling,	1 00	James Doyle,	2 00
B. W. Wasson,	30 00	George Pow,	5 00	Hugh Stanton.	5 00
Bateman Goe,	25 00	Geo. S. Hanie, L. M.,	5 00	Anonymous,	1 00
W. A. Belding,	70 00	Wm. Gray,	5 00	Robert Brountie,	10 00
Mrs. M. M. B. Goodwin,	10 00	A. N. White,	1 00	Owen Marshall,	50
O. A. Bartholomew,	100 00	M. Manful,	1 00	H. C. Loder,	50
J. L. Powell,	25 00	Thomas Ball, L. M.,	5 00	J. B. Knowles,	1 00
John C. Hawley,	6 00	D. M. Kinto,	1 00	S. W. McPherson,	1 00
John Blair,	1 00	A. W. Marthens,	5 00	A sister, for Jamaica,	2 50
Dr. McMillan & wife, L. M.,	10 00	John Douthitt,	20 00	Individuals in Jefferson county, Ky.,	27 50
Lizzie B. Grannis,	1 00	Urban C. Brewer,	10 00	Friendly individuals,	103 00
A brother,	1 00	Miss Lucy Hahn,	2 00	Fannie J. Copeland, L. M.,	5 00
W. W. Tice,	1 00	Mrs. M. E. Duncan,	10 00	Amos Allerton,	1 00
Mrs. W. W. Tice,	1 00	D. S. Goodloe,	10 00	Betsey Dunlap,	1 00
Betsy F. Weed,	2 00	Z. F. Smith, L. M.,	10 00	J. M. Tilford,	3 00
Orange Higgins,	5 00	A sister,	1 00	Rachel Dean,	5 00
J. Z. Taylor,	5 00	Jonathan Kolb,	50	E. G. Rice,	80
Elizabeth Graham, L. M.,	5 00	Anonymous,	2 50	H. Spalding,	5 00
Reuben Blakeley,	15 00	A brother, at Danville, Indiana,	5 00	J. B. Schietin,	5 00
J. McLiesh,	1 00	Prudence Haughton, L. M.,	5 00	Mrs. R. Spalding,	8 50
W. V. Utter,	5 00	Mrs. M. J. Helm,	6 00		
Martha A. Bacon,	5 00	O. C. Atwater,	5 00		
Anna McNie,	1 00				

Mrs. Seaton,'	$ 2 50
Miss Mary Seaton,	2 50
J. O. Myers,	10
J. F. Moore,	10
J. Christ,	1 00
D. W. Martin,	20
Brother Bamber,	50
John A. Williams,	10 00
Wm. Hamilton,	2 00
E. P. Parmlee,	10 00
Albert Allen,	6 00
Mrs. Mary Slade,	5 00
R. Graham,	5 00
James Carr,	10 00
G. C. Harvey,	5 00
A. A. Andrus,	10 00
Elizabeth Midlecoff,	5 00
Martha Slusser,	5 00
G. H. Berry,	1 00
C. Shaffer,	5 00
Annie E. Gill, L. M.,	5 00
Wm. Williams, L. M.,	5 00
Samuel Rhinehart, for wife's L. M.,	5 00
John Schaeffer,	50
D. Purdie, Mumford, N. Y.,	1 10
J. H. Pickrell, L. M.,	10 00
John Shuff,	1 00
John Taffe,	2 00
Mary Cary, L. M.,	5 00
H. Sayler,	1 00
D. N. Utter,	1 00
Joseph McCune, L. M.,	5 00
Thomas Evans, L. M.,	5 00
Mrs. Penelope V. Summers,	1 00
Mrs. A. D. Rogers,	1 00
Miss Alice Elkin,	1 00
Mrs. S. S. Marstella,	3 00
Mrs. J. B. Foley,	1 00
Wm. Carman,	1 00
F. B. Howells,	1 00
Brother Brazleton and wife,	2 00
S. E. Jones,	1 00
A. C. Easter and wife,	2 00
C. W. Crew,	1 00
Rachel Mitchell,	1 00
J. M. Tilford,	1 00
Julia Powell,	1 00
Miss Sapp,	1 00
W. C. Winter,	5 00
Mary Mickum,	1 00
Brother Doyle,	50
Cash,	7 58
M. J. Pullyam and wife,	2 00
Leroy Wiley,	1 00
Leona Wiley,	1 00
James B. Hart,	1 00
James Doyle,	2 00
Miss Pence,	50
R. Milligan,	10 00
Walter Campbell,	1 00
B. D. Dawson,	1 00
Sarah McComack, L. M.,	$ 5 00
D. R. King,	1 00
Jas. Atcheson & wife,	10 00
B. B. Tyler & wife,	3 50
G. D. Smith,	5 00
G. W. Morlin,	10 00
M. Hammond,	5 00
James Gaddis,	5 00
Brother Linthicom,	2 90
John Dratt,	2 00
S. S. Henley,	1 00
Brother Cave,	50
Brother Platt,	5 00
Brother Miller,	
Anna Norwood,	5 00
Sister Amer,	50
Elizabeth Morris,	1 00
A. M. Stinchcomb,	1 00
Rebecca Lockhart,	1 00
Saml. Bowman, L. M.,	5 00
J. Cyrenius, L. M.,	5 00
Urias Trent, L. M.,	5 00
V. O. Pinkard,	5 00
Arthur White,	8 00
Mrs. E. S. White,	5 00
Mr. Sedam,	5 00
Mrs. Thurston Crane,	5 00
J. M. Vanderwert,	5 00
Wm. and Henry Tate,	1 00
Wm. Jewell,	50
Jonathan Brine,	50
S. Burnet,	1 00
Mrs. M. E. Allen,	14 00
Elizabeth Iden,	1 00
G. F. & Effie Hillman,	15 00
Henry Pond,	1 00
Brother Watson,	1 00
Mrs. A. Cooney,	3 00
J. O. Hopkins,	1 00
R. Davis,	1 00
J. Davis,	1 00
W. Davis,	1 00
Sister Howells,	1 00
Sister Herman,	1 00
Mrs. Nettie Crosby,	1 00
F. M. Kibby,	1 00
John Fisher,	5 00
Sister Puitt,	1 00
Mrs. Hanson,	5 00
J. H. Lockwood,	1 00
L. B. Wilkes,	1 00
Dudley Downs,	1 00
J. C. Irwin,	1 00
W. H. Taylor,	1 00
W. S. Dickinson,	5 00
T. J. Peter,	1 00
W. T. Steel,	1 00
J. F. Elliott,	1 50
T. B. Knowles,	1 00
Margaret Fuller,	1 00
Mrs. C. B. Williams,	2 00
J. T. Hinton,	2 50
Miss White,	2 50
Mrs. B. F. Williams,	5 00
M. Church,	1 00
M. A. Dungan,	$ 1 00
L. L. Pinkerton,	50
Mrs. Jenkins,	1 00
Albert Ann Doyle,	1 00
N. H. Moore,	1 00
Sister Sedam,	5 00
Mrs. F. W. Beschorman,	5 00
Sister Ray,	1 00
D. R. McClenan,	2 00
Samuel Boyd,	5 00
Sister Burnett,	10 00
Captain Dayton,	2 00
Mrs. Mary Slade,	10 00
Eliza Bickhan,	5 00
Sister Rinear,	1 00
John Roake,	10 00
D. R. Vanbuskirk,	1 00
Lida Herman,	5 00
C. W. McLaughlin,	5 00
Sister Riddle,	1 00
Sister Orr,	1 00
A. D. Williams,	1 00
G. W. Bishop,	5 00
A. P. West,	5 00
John Campbell,	1 00
J. Sampson,	1 00
Mary Tice,	2 00
Jacob Dows,	2 00
G. W. Mortin,	1 00
J. McKey,	1 00
A. G. Morley,	2 00
Cash contributed at Missionary meeting—names not reported,	107 10
A. Blaney,	1 00
Dr. Shackleford,	10 00
W. K. Pendleton,	5 00
A. I. Hobbs,	1 00
R. McMichael,	1 00
W. H. Taylor,	1 00
A. B. Green,	1 00
J. R. Frame,	1 00
Cash,	2 00
Brother Austin,	1 00
Caleb Steel,	10 00
Amos Coates,	5 00
J. L. Robinson,	5 00
Dr. Streator,	5 00
A Baptist brother per Reuben Blakely,	5 00
J. B. Easter,	10 00
Mrs. C. Ficklin,	1 00
John Shockey and wife,	2 00
Thomas Summers,	2 00
Hester Parks,	2 00
H. C. Giltner,	5 00
S. R. Wilson,	1 00
S. E. Pearce,	1 00
Henry Hood,	1 00
Thomas Austin,	2 00
Wm. F. Barr,	1 00
John Parson,	1 00
Elvira Hardpence,	1 00
S. Bently,	10 00

Mary Atwater,	$1 00	John Campbell,	$1 00	Bro. Barge and wife,	$1 50
Mary Walker,	1 00	J. G. Tomlinson,	1 00	Dr. T. Hillock,	1 00
Mrs. N. G. Boaz,	1 00	Robert Henry,	5 00	Mrs. A. Boswell,	1 00
A. M. Atkinson,	1 00	Mrs. H. S. Platt,	2 00	Jennette Knight,	1 00
Miss Mollie Pool,	1 00	Jane Galbraith,	5 00	D. F. Pullim,	1 00

List of Christian Churches contributing to the American Christian Missionary Society, for the year ending October 20, 1868.

OHIO.

Church at New Lisbon,	$120 15	Church at Manchester,	$ 6 35
" at Canfield,	49 00	" at Thompson,	2 07
" at East Cleveland,	51 81	" at Bethlehem,	2 25
" at West Cleveland,	29 00	" at Red Oak,	2 00
" at Cleveland,	10 50	" at Sabina,	1 50
" at Hopedale,	57 63	" at North Bloomfield,	2 80
" at Bedford,	56 22	" at Payne's Corners,	1 00
" at Warren,	33 00	" at Windsor,	1 00
" at Ravenna,	18 34	" at Big Run, Noble county,	10 25
" at Chardon,	16 50	" at Morristown,	6 75
" at Newton Falls,	19 60	" at Allenville,	1 20
" at North Eaton,	28 65	" at Bell Air,	6 00
" at Antioch,	17 00	" at Green, Mahoning county,	20 00
" at New Antioch,	20 00	" at Hiram,	10 00
" at Painesville,	30 00	" at Moscow,	16 06
" at Harlem,	15 60	" at Sandy,	3 35
" at Green, Mahoning co.,	20 00	" at Newburg,	4 50
" at Oxford,	20 00	" at Bellmont,	9 00
" at Dennis,	20 00	" at Hanoverton,	3 40
" at Dayton,	40 00	" at Monroe,	1 00
" at Mount Vernon,	50 00	" at Coal Run,	1 00
" at Mentor,	9 50	" at Harrison,	39 35
" at Holmesville,	3 80	" at Canton,	1 00
" at Wauseon,	13 50	" at North Camden,	1 00
" at Smithfield,	5 00	" at Wilmington,	12 20
" at Barnesville,	5 55	" at Madison,	1 00
" at Latimberville,	5 23	" at Deerfield,	6 63
" at Wooster,	8 00	" at Mount Olivet,	2 10
" at Huntsville,	5 00	" at Philips,	1 00
" at Eaton,	6 25	" at North Royalton,	2 00
" at Hamilton,	6 00	" at Salinesville,	75
" at Chauncey,	2 75	" at Fairview,	1 15
" at Akron,	5 00	" at Mount Olive,	1 20
" at Indiana,	9 00	" at Harrison Center,	2 50
" at Armstrong Mills,	5 00	" at Wapakonetta,	1 00
" at Butler,	2 00	" at Aurora,	4 50
" at Princeton,	1 00	" at Williamstown,	65
" at Mapleton,	1 00	" at Stowe,	6 75
" at Austintown,	6 00	" at Solon,	40 00
" at Youngstown,	6 00	" at Jelloway,	25 00
" at Girard,	3 50	" at Mansfield,	7 11
" at Jackson,	7 00	" at Shelby,	1 25
" at Sixth street, Cincinnati,	11 00	" at North Fairfield,	7 68
" at Norwalk,	4 20	" at East Fairfield,	3 42
" at Boardman,	2 15	" at Wellington,	35
" at Wellsville,	3 40	" at Millwood,	14 80
" at Hartford,	1 00	" at Alliance,	6 40
" at Leverings,	3 00	" at Minerva,	4 38
" at Chagrin Falls,	4 00	" at New Baltimore,	2 90
" at Bazetta,	3 80	" at Ashland,	3 00
" at Bowersville,	5 00	" at Edinburg,	2 50
" at Mount Pleasant,	10 00	" at Milfordton,	3 00
" at Bethel,	16 67	" at Buford,	1 50
" at Bentonville,	15 00	" at New Salem,	2 60
" at Steubenville,	18 85		

INDIANA.

Church	at Indianapolis,	$129 75	Church	at Poplar Grove,	1 50
"	at Madison,	26 25	"	at Vincennes,	35 55
"	at Bainbridge,	18 00	"	at Rushville,	20 85
"	at Connersville,	27 65	"	at Port William,	3 20
"	at Greencastle,	49 12	"	at Salem,	2 60
"	at Bedford,	23 00	"	at Stafford,	1 35
"	at Bloomington,	23 45	"	at Martinsburg,	2 00
"	at New Albany,	19 65	"	at Flat Rock,	10 25
"	at Greensburg,	55 20	"	at Pleasant Grove,	11 00
"	at Bethel,	10 40	"	at Greenville,	1 00
"	at Kokomo,	12 30	"	at New Richmond,	1 00
"	at Kendallville,	10 20	"	at Pleasant Hill,	
"	at Southbend,	7 00	"	at Logansport,	20 00
"	at Oxford,	6 00	"	at Noblesville,	6 35
"	at Silver Creek,	8 50	"	at Buffalo,	1 70
"	at Bethany,	28 05	"	at Clarksburg,	10 48
"	at Charleston,	10 25	"	at Ben Davis Creek,	30 90
"	at Metz,	10 05	"	at Waveland,	3 00
"	at Mount Auburn,	14 50	"	at Rock Creek,	4 30
"	at South Milford,	2 67	"	at Mount Pleasant,	7 00
"	at Smithfield,	10 11	"	at Cambridge City,	9 50
"	at Coburn's Corners,	3 15	"	at Martinsville,	8 00
"	at LaFayette,	44 20	"	at Edinburg,	19 00
"	at Danville,	14 25	"	at Columbus,	19 50
"	at State Line City,	6 75	"	at Franklin,	106 53
"	at Queensville,	2 50	"	at Fayetteville,	5 00

ILLINOIS.

Church	at Bloomington,	243 20	Church	at Carrollton,	10 00
"	at Hermon,	7 00	"	at Virginia,	4 55
"	at Sunbeam,	6 65	"	at Tallulah,	9 65
"	at Keithsburg,	4 95	"	at Springfield,	30 00
"	at Chicago,	19 90	"	at Ingraham,	6 85
"	at Jacksonville,	50 00	"	at Homer,	7 10
"	at Red Oak,	7 00	"	at Decatur,	5 85
"	at Long Point,	10 00	"	at White Oak,	17 00
"	at Charleston,	33 95	"	at Bethel,	8 00
"	at Mattoon,	7 15	"	at Secor,	1 00
"	at Monmouth,	12 40	"	at East White Oak,	3 25
"	at Lanark,	23 00	"	at Wapella,	1 25
"	at Washington,	15 00	"	at Decatur,	3 50
"	at Maroa,	6 00	"	at Harristown,	12 00
"	at Hittles, Tazewell co.,	13 10	Brethren in Illinois, per J. T. Jones, names not reported,		50 00
"	at Eureka,	74 40	Collections by E. T. C. Bennett, in Illinois, names not reported,		80 00
"	at Pittsfield,	20 00			
"	at Twin Grove,	5 15			
"	at Abington,	10 00			

PENNSYLVANIA.

Church	at Newcastle,	$79 65	Church	at Connellsville and Bethel,	5 00
"	at Lock Haven,	45 00	"	at Chester,	17 00
"	at Braddock's Field,	23 00	"	at Sommerset,	28 50
"	at West Middletown,	22 46	"	at Edenburg & Normal Glen,	12 95
"	at Cooktown,	7 50	"	at East Smithfield,	1 50
"	at California,	7 95	"	at Howard,	10 00
"	at Red Stone,	8 00	"	at Johnstown,	6 30
"	at Connellsville,	8 13	"	at Allegheny City,	151 00
"	at Bethel,	7 70	Welsh Church at Ebensburg,		$ 4 10

KENTUCKY.

Church at Covington,	$70 00	Church at Dover,	27 50
" at Paris,	69 60	" at Hopkinsville,	26 35
" at Maysville,	75 00	" at Mayslick,	8 55
" at Beasley Creek,	44 50	" at Carlisle,	12 50
" at Winchester,	43 35	" at Washington,	4 00

NEW YORK.

Church at New York city,	$157 34	Church at Tonawanda,	10 89
" at Morrissania,	25 00	" at Richville,	3 25
" at Throopville,	7 00	" at Carthage,	2 00
" at Pompey,	12 00	" at Clarence,	1 30
" at Williamsville,	28 07	" at Eagle Mills,	4 00
" at Poestenkill,	10 00	" at Munford,	1 75

IOWA.

Church at Davenport,	$41 00	Church at Columbus City,	2 50
" at Frank Pierce,	3 20	" at Oskaloosa,	2 50
" at Des Moines,	4 13	" at Iowa City,	4 00

NEBRASKA.

Church at London,	$10 00	Church at Tecumseh,	5 00
" at Pawnee City,	2 25		

MISSOURI.

Church at Hannibal,	$14 00

MICHIGAN.

Church at Buchanan,	$9 95	Church at Muir,	75 00
" at Paw Paw,	5 15		

NEW BRUNSWIC.

Church at Deer Island,	$5 00

WEST VIRGINIA.

Church at Bethany,	$100 00	Church at Wellsburg,	3 85
" at Wheeling,	37 20		

VIRGINIA.

Church at Charlottsville,	$4 50	Church at Perseverance,	1 52
" at Gilboa,	1 00		

MARYLAND.

Church at Beaver Creek,	$24 78	Church at Concord,	6 10
" at Boonesboro,	11 65	" at Baltimore,	63 15

GEORGIA.

Church at Augusta,	$27 00

CONNECTICUT.

Church at Danberry,	$12 75

VERMONT.

Church at West Rupert,	$27 25

MASSACHUSETTS.

Church at Worcester,	$20 00

Sunday-schools contributing to the American Christian Missionary Society, during the year ending October 20, 1868:

New York City,		50 00	East Cleveland,	Ohio,	$ 3 75
Canfield,	Ohio,	2 00	Sixth Street, Cincinnati,	do.	25 00
Hiram,	do.	1 80	Wooster,	do.	3 00
Harrison,	do.	14 35	Bloomington, Illinois,		15 00
Solon,	do.	2 75	Tremont,	do.	2 00
Mansfield,	do.	4 00	Johnstown, Pennsylvania,		2 00
Ashland,	do.	5 00	Corry,	do.	10 00
Steubenville,	do.	1 00	Pompey, New York,		2 00
Ravenna,	do.	1 00	Wheeling, West Virginia,		3 00
Greensburg, Indiana,		1 60			

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

Balance in Treasury from last year	$ 334 55	
Received from Corresponding Secretary	7,907 74	
		$8,242 29

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for Jamaica Mission	$2,150 00	
Paid for Home Mission	3,766 25	
Paid for Salary of Corresponding Secretary	1,600 00	
Paid for Circulars, Postage, Stationery, Traveling Expenses	417 24	
Paid for Keeping Books last year	200 00	
Paid for Publishing Proceedings of last year	94 50	
Balance in Treasury	14 30	
		$8,242 29

H. S. BOSWORTH, *Recording Secretary.*

October 23, 1868.

NOTE.—There are orders passed and unpaid for Missionary labor to the close of this year, to the amount of $1,187 18.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

W. S. Dickinson, Treasurer, in account with American Christian Missionary Society:

Balance from last year	$ 334 55	
Received from Recording Secretary	7,907 74	
Total		$8,242 29
Disbursements as per vouchers	$8,227 99	
Balance in Treasury	14 30	
Cash, October 23, 1868		$8,242 29

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined the Reports of the Recording Secretary and Treasurer, and find them to agree and correct.

GEORGE W. TROWBRIDGE, *Auditor.*

Cincinnati, October 23, 1868.

TO THE FRIENDS OF MISSIONS.

It is known to you, brethren, that at the Anniversary meeting of the American Christian Missionary Society for 1867, a committee was appointed to consider the propriety of amending the constitution, and report such alterations as they might deem wise, for the consideration of the convention of this current year. Accordingly, they made their report at the recent anniversary, and advised the adoption of some important alterations, which were duly considered by the convention, and, after a full and careful discussion, with but slight amendments, were unanimously adopted. The undersigned have been appointed a committee to advise the brethren of these changes, and to solicit their co-operation in the work of missions.

They are as follows:

1. The *old* constitution required *twenty-five* Vice-Presidents;—the *new* requires only *three*.

2. The *old* constitution required at least *two* of the Vice-Presidents to reside in Cincinnati, Ohio;—the *new* requires no condition of this kind.

3. The *old* constitution required at least seven managers for a quorum; the *new* reduces the number to five.

4. The *old* constitution required a year's notice, or else the recommendation of the Board of Managers, before a proposed alteration of the constitution could be acted upon; in the *new* this condition is omitted, and a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting can alter or amend the constitution.

5. In the old constitution the 3d and 4th Articles read as follows: "Art. 3. Every Christian Church, and all other associations, contributing to its funds, shall be entitled to representation equally at the annual meeting. Art. 4. Every person paying one dollar, shall be a member for one year; every person paying twenty-five dollars shall be a member for life; and every person paying one hundred dollars shall be a director for life." In the *new* these two Articles were stricken out and the following was substituted in their stead: "The members of this Society shall consist of *delegates* annually chosen by the churches of Christ contributing to its funds, and of *members* of churches who annually contribute to the funds of the Society."

6. A new Article was added to the constitution, which reads:—"No alteration made in this constitution shall be so construed as to affect any vested right of the Society or any member thereof." In addition to these changes the following resolution was recommended and unanimously adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That in view of the abandonment of life-memberships and life-directorships—from which the principal income of the Society has been derived, the Board of Managers be and they are hereby requested to devise and carry out a plan of annual and life-subscriptions, whereby a constant income may be secured and a permanent basis provided for the operations of the Society.

The committee beg leave to say, that these changes were discussed in the fullest frankness, yet in the most fraternal spirit, and that although, during the discussion, some diversity of opinion was expressed concerning them, yet, in the end, they were unanimously adopted; not, indeed, as precisely what every member of the convention preferred, but what, in the spirit of a free and generous co-operation, each was willing to adopt as most in harmony with the general sentiment and will of the whole brotherhood. In a convention of nearly five hundred delegates, it could not be expected that *absolute unity of sentiment*, in every detail, could be secured. But the *unanimous consent* of so large a body of representative men, ought surely to satisfy every friend of missions that the conclusions reached by the convention are wise, safe, and worthy of the cordial support of the whole brotherhood. These changes have been made on the motion and by the advice of many of the oldest friends of the Society, who have been influenced mainly by a desire to harmonize with others who thought them necessary; and it is hoped that the generous spirit of fraternity which they have thus manifested will be met by an equally generous advance on the part of those to whom this offering of Christian fellowship is extended. If we can not all agree as to the details of a plan, we can at least consent to work together under *that* which has secured the unanimous approval of so large a body of our best minds—and be content to hold our private opinions subject to the voice of the majority.

It is hoped that the action of this convention will induce all friends of missions to suspend any further discussion about plans—or, if such shall still be deemed necessary, that it will be reserved for the regular meetings of the convention, and indulged in only upon definite propositions of change, that may be *acted* upon and *decided* by the voice of the convention.

Many true and active missionary men have objected to several features of the old constitution, and in the spirit of Christian harmony these objections have been generously considered, and the offensive features have been removed, so as to bring the constitution as near to the general sentiment of the brotherhood as a convention of four or five hundred delegates could make it; and now, may we not hope that there will be a unanimous co-operation of all who love the prosperity of Zion?

The feeble health of Brother J. Shackleford has compelled him to resign, and we present to you, in the name of the Society, our beloved and well-tried brother, Thos. Munnell, as our Corresponding Secretary, and invite for him your hearty assistance. We send him out with the fullest assurance that he will meet with cordial welcome in all the churches, and that the Society, after so earnest and harmonious an effort to adjust itself to the general sentiment of the brethren, will be borne up generously by their support.

W. K. Pendleton, Isaac Errett,
W. J. Pettigrew, George W. Elley,
A. R. Benton.

Cincinnati, O., October, 1868.